

## THE ANNUAL DINNER FOR 1934

Eighty-five persons attended the annual dinner of the California Botanical Society which was held in the Banquet Room of the International House, Piedmont Avenue and Bancroft Way, Berkeley, at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 3, 1934. The president, Dr. Peirce, acted as toastmaster. After the banquet Dr. Chauncey D. Leake of the University of California Medical School, San Francisco, gave an illustrated lecture on the "Development into Rational Therapy of Empirically Used Plant Products." Dr. Leake traced historically the progress of therapy along two lines: the isolation or synthesis of the active chemical principle of the drug plant, and secondly, the standardization of the product for medicinal use where the isolation or synthesis is not yet accomplished. Mr. W. W. Carruth of Mills College and one of his students offered the evening's music.—E. CRUM.

## THE SPRING FIELD TRIP

The society's spring field trip was taken to the Big Basin in the Santa Cruz Mountains, Saturday, April 14, 1934. After a picnic lunch near the council ring in the basin several field excursions were made by small parties to nearby areas. *Ceanothus* were in full bloom. The party returned to Palo Alto, the place of departure, for dinner at the Stanford Students' Union. At 8:00 o'clock a meeting was held in Room 460, Physiology Building, Stanford University, when Dr. Peirce occupied the chair, introducing Dr. L. L. Burlingame, Professor of Biology at the university. Dr. Burlingame spoke on "The Significance of Plant Hybrids," treating the subject from the historical viewpoint—E. CRUM.

## NOTES AND NEWS

The genus *Panicum* is very moderately represented in California but anyone devoted to the grasses will read with both interest and profit a paper on "Realignments in the Genus *Panicum*" by Dr. M. L. Fernald of Harvard University. Many things, heretofore hidden or secluded, are made known and have a significance outside the genus that is being discussed. (*Rhodora* 36: 63-87,—1934).

Dr. A. S. Foster, from the Department of Botany, Oklahoma State University at Norman, became Assistant Professor of Botany at the University of California this fall. He is a specialist in the fields of plant anatomy and morphogenesis.

An abridgement of the International Rules of Botanical Nomenclature adopted by the Fifth International Botanical Congress, Cambridge, 1930, has been prepared chiefly by A. B.